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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

B. CHEN et al.

Serial No.: 08/169,293

Group Art Unit: 1804

Filing Date: December 17, 1993

Examiner: S. Ziska

Title:

A METHOD OF PREVENTING DEPLETION OF NON-AUTOLOGOUS

HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS AND ANIMAL MODEL SYSTEMS FOR USE

THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 1995. A response to the June 12, 1995, Office Action originally was due September 12, 1995. Concurrently filed herewith is a three month extension of time along with the required fee making any response or other action taken on or before December 12, 1995, timely. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments

In the	specific	ation:

Page 3, line 28, after "hematopoietic cells" delete "in,".

Page 8, line 9, before "In" and after "with", add --"--, line 10, delete "curing" and substitute therefor --during--.

Page 15, line 20, delete "93" and substitute therefor --93--, and line 32, delete "are" and substitute therefor --is--.

Page 16, line 17, after "cells", begin a new paragraph.

In the claims:

Claim 24, line 3, delete "and" and substitute therefor -- an--

Claim 28, line 2, after "cells", insert --.--

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-31; in view of the remarks and amendments made herein.

Claims 1-31 were examined in the Office Action and are rejected as follows: (1) claims 1-12 and 14-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; (2) claims 1-23 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and (3) claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicants request entry of the amendments to correct minor editorial and typographical errors. The amendments do not add new matter.

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